

(19)



Europäisches Patentamt
European Patent Office
Office européen des brevets



(11)

EP 1 004 970 A3

(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(88) Date of publication A3:
06.06.2001 Bulletin 2001/23

(51) Int.-Cl.7: **G06F 17/60, G07F 17/32,
A63F 13/00, A63F 9/24**

(43) Date of publication A2:
31.05.2000 Bulletin 2000/22

(21) Application number: 99119351.7

(22) Date of filing: 29.09.1999

(84) Designated Contracting States:
**AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU
MC NL PT SE**
Designated Extension States:
AL LT LV MK RO SI

(72) Inventors:
• Wells, Bill
Reno, Nevada 89502 (US)
• Wilder, Richard
Sparks, Nevada 89436 (US)

(30) Priority: 14.10.1998 US 172786

(74) Representative: Manitz, Finsterwald & Partner
Postfach 22 16 11
80506 München (DE)

(71) Applicant: International Game Technology
Reno, Nevada 89511-8986 (US)

(54) Method for downloading data to gaming devices

(57) Memories coupled to a gaming terminal, are re-programmed by a method and apparatus which includes identification, negotiation, downloading and verification

information from an external information source to a gaming terminal. Hardware devices are used to identify gaming terminals or components.

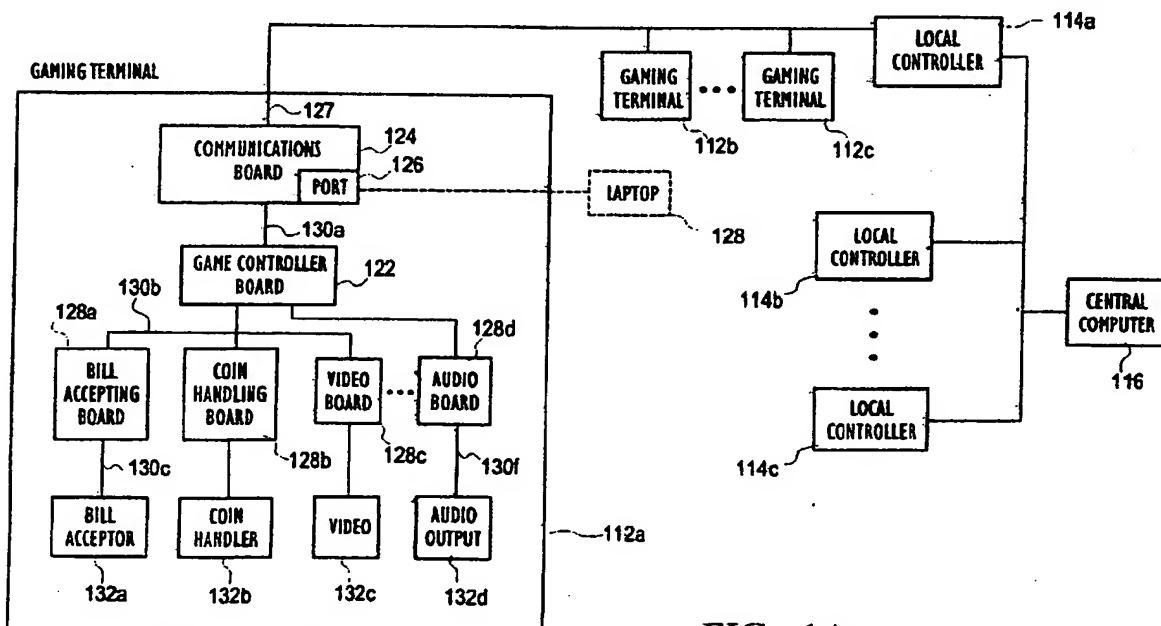


FIG. 1A

EP 1 004 970 A3



European Patent
Office

EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number
EP 99 11 9351

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages			
A	US 5 805 814 A (TSUDA Y ET AL) 8 September 1998 (1998-09-08) * claim 1 *	1,10	G06F17/60 G07F17/32 A63F13/00 A63F9/24	
A	US 5 668 591 A (SHINTANI PETER) 16 September 1997 (1997-09-16) * claim 1 *	1,10		
A	EP 0 735 764 A (SONY TELECOM EUROP NV) 2 October 1996 (1996-10-02) * abstract *	1,10		
				TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.7) G06F G07F A63F A63B H04N
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims				
Place of search VIENNA		Date of completion of the search 16 January 2001	Examiner Schlechter	
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document				

EPO FORM 1503 03/82 (P40001)

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 99 11 9351

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report.
The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

16-01-2001

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5805814 A	08-09-1998	JP 2769789 B	25-06-1998
		JP 8112450 A	07-05-1996
US 5668591 A	16-09-1997	JP 7271697 A	20-10-1995
		GB 2288044 A,B	04-10-1995
EP 0735764 A	02-10-1996	AT 195047 T	15-08-2000
		AU 5398896 A	16-10-1996
		DE 69518144 D	31-08-2000
		DE 69518144 T	22-03-2001
		WO 9631064 A	03-10-1996

EPO FORM P443

For more details about this annex : see Official Journal of the European Patent Office, No. 12/82